

Tombigbee Waterway project. Through the system Mr. Eaton developed, the Corps was able to guarantee equal opportunity for both employment and contracting. The idea of private contracting was revolutionary for the Corps of Engineers and is a program which is still in use today.

Mr. Harold Eaton has made many outstanding contributions throughout his life to the advancement of equal rights. His devotion and innovation resulted in major accomplishments on the local and Federal level. It is my honor to recognize the achievements of a man so devoted to the causes of equality and justice, both of which we hold so dear in our Nation. For his tireless work for the betterment of his community, Mr. Eaton truly deserves induction into the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA MADRID

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize one of the most inspiring and remarkable Latino leaders in the United States. Patricia Madrid is New Mexico's first woman and the nation's first Latina attorney general.

Since taking the oath to office in November 1998, Ms. Madrid triumphed at protecting the lives of New Mexicans against all levels of violent crimes. She spearheaded initiatives that continue to provide assistance for district attorneys in the prosecution of criminals in New Mexico. In addition, her actions also established strict provisions that protect her state's environmental resources. Through her leadership, the people of New Mexico are not only safer from crime but the state's wildlife, agriculture, and water quality have thrived too.

Throughout her legal career, Ms. Madrid received numerous awards for her political achievements. She was awarded the Latina Lawyer of the Year Award in 2001 by the Hispanic National Bar Association. She received the First Annual Elected Official Award for Work on Behalf of Crime Victims from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. In 1999, the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women honored her with the Trailblazer Award. In 1994, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a national organization, recognized her for her outstanding service to the Hispanic community. With all these remarkable accomplishments, her commitment to serve the people of New Mexico and the Latino community nationwide continues undeterred.

Ms. Madrid's ventures as New Mexico's attorney general has dismantled barriers and paved the way for other women and minorities who aspire to reach such feats. I am privileged to recognize her as the perfect example of today's exceptional leader.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SERGEANT DALE GILLETTE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Sergeant Dale Gillette has sworn to serve and protect the people of Ross County; and

Whereas, on a daily basis Sergeant Gillette has upheld his oath with an honor and conviction far above the call of duty; and

Whereas, Sergeant Gillette has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with dedication, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Sergeant Gillette has been decorated with an honorable mention award from TOP COPS Awards because of his devotion to people of the Ross County;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Ross County and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Sergeant Dale Gillette as he receives his TOP COPS award.

TRIBUTE TO CODY SHIRA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to Cody Shira, a courageous young man from Grand Junction, Colorado. Cody recently woke up his parents during the middle of the night when he discovered their house was on fire. The actions of this brave seven year old are truly remarkable, and I am proud to recognize him here today.

While fast asleep, Cody was awakened to the smoke and flames set by an outdoor grill. The grill set fire to a bench, which helped spread the fire into the house through a window. Thanks to Cody's quick reaction, most of the bedrooms in the apartment were spared, helping to save many important belongings and memories. While the Shiras will have to rebuild the bottom level of the apartment, they thank Cody for helping to save not only their bedrooms, but also their lives.

Mr. Speaker, Cody Shira is a true hero. His courageous and quick reaction helped save the lives of his family and much of his home. I am proud to gather with my fellow colleagues and speak of Cody's accomplishments, as his actions are truly remarkable. Good luck, Cody. I wish you the best with all of your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO HILLSIDES HOME FOR CHILDREN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hillside's Home for Children in Pasadena. On October 5, 2003, Hillside's will celebrate its ninetieth anniversary with a carnival

to honor the achievements of those who have devoted countless hours to Hillside's, as well as to celebrate the children who have been greatly helped by the home.

Hillside's opened its doors in 1913 as an Episcopal Orphanage known as The Church Home for Children. Deaconess Evelyn Wile formulated the agency's mission of loving care, therapeutic healing, special education, family crisis intervention and children's rights advocacy. This vision continues to be the focus of Hillside's over ninety years later. Today, Hillside's is a private non-profit treatment center, but it is considered an official institution of the Los Angeles Diocese of the Episcopal Church.

While Hillside's began its journey solely as an orphanage, the agency has since branched off into several other areas. For children suffering from abuse and mental illness, Hillside's provides them with a safe place that they can call home. The main campus contains six residential cottages for emotionally disturbed children ranging in age from seven to thirteen. On the campus, Hillside's provides a home and intensive treatment services geared to healing and redirecting kids who have experienced traumatic upbringings. In addition to the on-campus housing, there are two off-campus group homes which house twelve teenagers. These off-campus facilities provide residential treatment, mental health care, and practical skills training for independent living after the youth leave Hillside's Home for Children.

Hillside's has also responded to the need for counseling at-risk families to prevent abuse before it starts, and in 1996, the family center was opened. This center provides a broad range of programs from counseling services to classes designed to strengthen families and protect children. Clearly, Hillside's acts as a voice for children through advocacy.

I am proud to recognize Hillside's Home for Children as an integral component of our community by providing a safe haven for children, strengthening families and advocating for children's rights.

It is for these extraordinary achievements that I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Hillside's Home for Children for their ninety years of remarkable work.

IN HONOR OF TERRY MARBURGER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true community servant as well as an accomplished business owner, Mrs. Terry Marburger. Terry retired on August 1, 2003 after providing 18 years of dedicated service to the community of San Juan Bautista.

Terry was born in New York City and has been a resident of San Juan Bautista for the past 34 years, where she has been a contributor to the community and to the welfare of the small Mission town. She is married to Mr. Larry Marburger and together they raised their two children, Sully and Anthony Anastasia. Currently, they have five grandchildren.

In addition to having worked in the private sector before owning her own business, Terry is a member of several community organizations such as the Ambassador's Club, the San

Benito Tourism Council, the United Way of Hollister and the San Juan Bautista Historic Planning Committee.

I first met Terry in April of 2002 when she accepted my request to assist with the planning of California's 17th Congressional District's 2002 Naturalization Ceremony. Without her tireless help, we would not have been able to convene so many community leaders in such a short amount of time. That ceremony was a very special day for the participating new citizens, and it is one that many members of San Benito County will remember for a long time to come. It wouldn't have been possible, had it not been for Terry's ambitious fundraising and vision for that day.

Terry will be moving to the Sonora area in the Sierra foothills, and I would like to say that she will be missed by the community of San Juan Bautista, and San Benito County.

Because of her enormous sense of dedicated community service and love for the City of San Juan Bautista, Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Terry Marburger and her valuable contributions to our community.

HONORING FRANK JOHNSON

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Johnson, who has delighted the community of Modesto as a ticket taker for the Modesto A's Baseball Club, Inc. for 31 years. As one of the most well known and popular members of the Modesto A's staff, Mr. Johnson has become an endeared friend to all of the team's fans.

Mr. Johnson began working in Modesto baseball in 1958 when he worked in the concession stand for the Modesto Reds at Del Webb Field. Since that time he witnessed five different minor league professional baseball teams call Modesto home. From the New York Yankees to the Oakland Athletics, Mr. Johnson is a testament not only to baseball, but to the many changes the City of Modesto has experienced.

As a constant face to all of the attendees at the Modesto A's games, Mr. Johnson has become a part of local history. He is a reminder of all of the good things about baseball and youth. It is my honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Johnson's 50 years of commitment to our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GENE OWENS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MOBILE REGISTER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and salute my friend, Gene Owens, on the occasion of his retirement from "active duty" with the Mobile Register, Alabama's oldest newspaper.

For 9 years, Gene has provided consistent, quality reporting to readers along the Gulf

Coast and throughout Alabama, first as the paper's political editor and in recent years, as the Register's popular metro columnist.

Prior to moving to Alabama, Gene worked at newspapers in other areas of the country, devoting much of that time to reporting jobs in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Upon moving to the Gulf Coast in 1994, Gene became a familiar face to those of us in public service during his stint as the Register's political editor. In so doing, he shared with the people of south Alabama the talents and personal integrity upon which he built his reputation as a journalist.

Elected officials, community representatives and concerned citizens alike could always rely on Gene to provide the best possible coverage of issues facing us in Alabama as well as topics of national interest. From covering local political debates to national party conventions, Gene could always be counted on to give you the complete story on the major issues of the day. While his readers—and those he reported on—did not always agree with him, we could always be assured there would be equal and fair treatment in his columns and stories, a statement which can not always be said about all journalists.

In recent years, Gene moved to cover more local issues, and his columns on more human interest stories won him an entirely new following. His humorous and often folksy manner of sharing local tales, from topics as diverse as an annual Texas State Fire Ant Festival to a discussion on the finer points of the southern "take" on the English language, could always be counted upon to inform, entertain and bring a smile to the faces of all his readers.

His readers, colleagues and fans never hesitated to share their opinions on and about Gene and his pontifications. Of all the comments the paper received during the past 9 years, the one that perhaps best sums up Gene's career and the public's feeling toward him was left on the Register's open comment line, "Sound Off," and was recently reprinted in a tribute column about Gene. Someone called in to say, "I hope God continues to watch over Gene Owens. The world is so in need of the humor and wisdom that he so richly shares with us all."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Gene Owens for his tremendous contributions to both the world of journalism and to his friends and neighbors along Alabama's Gulf Coast. Gene is indeed a genuine Alabama treasure who has freely shared both his wisdom and humor with all of us, and for nearly a decade I have been proud to call him my friend.

Along with his many friends and followers throughout South Alabama, "Pal Joey" wishes to extend to Gene Owens and his lovely wife, "Miss Peggy," all the best in the months and years ahead.

RECOGNIZING REV. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON JR.

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize one of the most inspiring and remarkable leaders in the United States,

Rev. James Morris Lawson Jr. Rev. Lawson Jr. is a minister and a civil rights leader who has worked hard to further the advancement of people of color.

Rev. Lawson was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 1928. Since early on in his life, he has strongly advocated for nonviolent resistance to achieve political change, a philosophy he developed by studying Ghandian ethics and Methodist theology. A leader in the fight against racism, Rev. Lawson was instrumental in desegregating many of our Nation's societies, especially those in the southern States during the late 1950's and 1960's.

In 1957, Rev. Lawson worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and helped shape the Southern Christian Leadership Council, a national organization that dismantled barriers for black citizens in the segregated south. Rev. Lawson helped organize students in southern universities to perform nonviolent demonstrations to desegregate restaurants and drug stores in Nashville, Tennessee. His actions influenced others in Historically Black Colleges and Universities to protest, eventually helping to end segregation throughout the South.

Admirably, Rev. Lawson's leadership not only helped black citizens achieve political change, but he also aided labor unions, women, gays and lesbians, and recently incarcerated individuals. With all these monumental accomplishments, Rev. Lawson continues to fight for social justice even in his mid-70's.

His accomplishments as a dignitary of civil rights have inspired other civil leaders, like me, to achieve political change. Therefore, I am privileged to recognize him as the perfect example of today's exceptional leader.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER TIMME

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a most remarkable individual from my district. Walter Timme of Pueblo, Colorado honorably served in the Army during World War II, leaving his motorcycle sales business to answer his country's call to duty. Walter's service to our country in its time of need is indicative of his commitment to our nation, which I would like to recognize here today.

Putting his passion for motorcycles on hold, Walt kissed his wife goodbye and shipped off to New Caledonia and Biak in the South Pacific. It was not long after they learned of his mechanical abilities that the Army put Walt to work as an aircraft engine repair technician. Walt's knowledge of engines, acquired from his fondness of motorcycles, provided him with an unparalleled skill for fixing planes. Our country owes Walt a debt of gratitude for his service during WWII.

Walt returned safely from the war and revisited his passion for motorcycles. Aside from his time spent serving the country during WWII, Walt has been selling motorcycles since 1938. Walt's entrepreneurial spirit and business savvy have provided his community with jobs and services for over six decades.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to stand before this body of Congress today and recognize the loyal service of Walt Timme to our nation.